

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved funding for the renovation of the Barrington Stage Company's theatre in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Olver secured the funding in the FY08 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Appropriations bill. Olver is the Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and HUD and worked in tandem with the Senate to secure the funding. The Senate must still approve its appropriations bill and then both chambers will have to approve a reconciliation bill. "Barrington Stage Company's presence in Pittsfield is a real asset to the City and fits well into the overall revitalization of the downtown area," Olver said. In 2005, BSC purchased a vintage 500-seat Vaudeville theatre, the Berkshire Music Hall at 30 Union Street. The move was a part of a \$6.13 million project. This federal funding will go towards completing the renovation of the theatre. Barrington Stage Company is a not-for-profit professional theatre company in the Berkshires. Founded in 1978, BSC has been a leading force in the revitalization of the downtown area. ### For additional information: Julianne Boyd, BSC, at 413-499-5446, x102.